

# Bishop's Gala

The Diocese of Helena Bishop's Gala is returning this October. Holy Cross Parish will be putting a silent auction basket together for the gala.

## Basket them: Catholic Christmas

Please consider donating Christ-centered items, such as nativity set, advent calendar, advent candle holder, ornaments, cards, tree topper, seasonal devotions or music, or other items that fit with the theme. We will be collecting donated items in the church office until August 8th.



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## CYC BOARD

2025-2026

### MEETING DATES:

- AUG. 22-24 (LEGENDARY LODGE)
- OCT. 10-12 (EAST HELENA)
- DEC. 5-6 (DEER LODGE)
- FEB. 6-8 (BUTTE)

Our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every young person in our Diocese. The Catholic Youth Coalition Board helps us accomplish this mission by forming, equipping, and sending young people to be servant leaders and witnesses to the Gospel in their own families, parishes, schools, and communities.

We welcome high school youth (grades 9-12) on the CYC Board who are willing to make the commitment. CYC Board is especially for those young people who are actively participating in their parish and are looking for further opportunities to help lead, plan, and facilitate diocesan youth ministry initiatives.



**REGISTER NOW!**

Info & Registration:  
[DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/CYCBOARD](https://diocesehelena.org/cycboard)



## Parish potlucks

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month we have a parish potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. As part of the desire for the circles to be more active in the parish, I am assigning a circle to each potluck as the point group for the potluck. They're responsibility is to set-up, clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food. Anyone is welcome to bring food and help. The circle's responsibility is to facilitate the potluck. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

July 27: Understanding

August 24: Hope

September 28: Love

## We are hiring!

### Commercial Cleaner (\$16/hour, 35 hours/month)

The role of the Commercial Cleaner is to maintain the cleanliness of our building. The job description is on our website and on the info table in the Narthex. If you are interested in applying, please send an application to Fr. Cody.



## YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

"Experience the Bible"

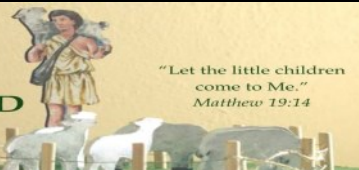
Open to all ages PreK through high school!

Lunch provided!

August 6th - Transfiguration

Time for this event to be determined soon!

## Catechesis of the GOOD SHEPHERD



### Level 1 Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at Saint Mary's in Helena

#### Schedule

#### Part A -

- September 26-28, 2025
- March 27-29, 2026
- April 24, 2026

#### Part B -

- April 25 - 26, 2026
- June 4 - 6 & June 8 - 9, 2026

Cost: \$600

\$100 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit due at the time of registration.

Register online at: <https://www.cgsinlandnw.org/event-details/cgs-level-1-formation-1-02489>

Contact Dawn Brannman at Saint Mary's for more information!

This training is more like a retreat experience than a training. "Please pray about joining!"



# Holy Cross Parish

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

#### Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Monday and Tuesday 9:00a

Adoration: Monday 9:30a

#### Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Sunday 3:30-4:15p or by appointment

Mass: Sunday Mass 4:30p

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

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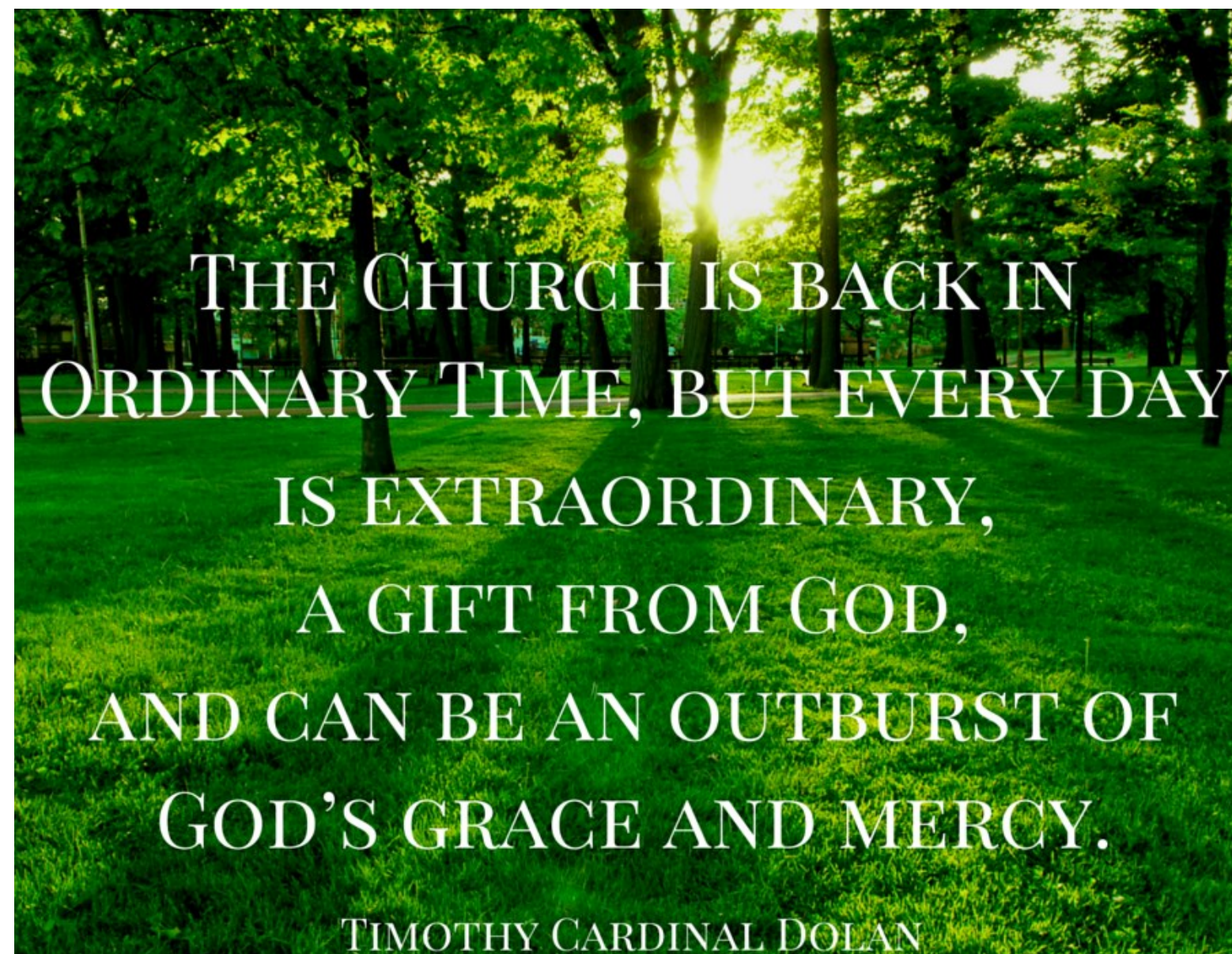
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Basics of Catholicism part 93

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

The Council of Trent

The Council of Trent was called in response to the rise of Protestantism in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Yet, although it was called to address Protestantism, the Council did much more than that. This Council was one of the most foundational Councils in the history of the Church. It established the theology and basics of all the Sacraments, ratified the books of the Bible, established the hierarchy of the Church, and addressed many abuses in the Church. For the sake of this series, I am going to focus on its effects of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

The Protestants were claiming that Jesus never established a priesthood or a hierarchy for his church but that all Christians were considered equal and brothers. I hope that if you have been reading all the parts of this series, you will realize that the Protestants were wrong about Jesus' intentions. Clearly he established a priesthood and intended for the church to have a hierarchical structure. I understand the qualms of the Protestants given the immense corruption in the priesthood leading up to the Council of Trent. Therefore, the Council of Trent ratified the ancient belief that the Church has 7 Sacraments and one of them is the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

On a practical level, the Council of Trent shaped the priesthood. Dioceses were required to establish seminaries and to train priests in theology and philosophy. Priests no longer studied under a given pastor but at these seminaries. Priests were required to be celibate, take a promise of obedience to their bishop, promise a simple life, and to be dedicated to prayer. The corrupt practices of selling ecclesiastical offices (pastor, rector, bishop, abbot), bequeathing an ecclesiastical office to an illegitimate child, and having a concubine, wife, or family on the side were forbidden. Many of the abuses the church experienced throughout the Middle Ages were finally addressed by the Council but took almost 150 years to fully implement.

The priest, however, enjoyed a clarity on his role and mission in the Church. Priests, for the first time in church history, were given permission by a Council to preach. Thus, priests began to form and teach their flocks through preaching. The Mass was standardized by the Council and deviating from the rubrics or rules, even in the slightest way, was a mortal sin. The attire of the priest was standardized to the Clerical Cassock. The role of the priest as Sacramental minister, shepherd of his flock, delegate of the bishop, and vicar of Christ was clarified. The Council of Trent made several proclamations about the nature of the priesthood helping to clarify the theological and spiritual implications of priests. Returning to an earlier point, the Council of Trent strongly linked sacrifice to the character of the priest. A priest is supposed to mirror the sacrificial character of Jesus, who died for us. The black color of clerical attire symbolizes death whereas the white collar represents purity. The simple nature of the priest coupled with celibacy further expands the sacrificial nature of the priest who lives in imitation of our Lord. All their pronouncements center of the sacrificial character of the priest.

Fr. Cody

Holy Cross Parish

Finances

Week ended July 13th

Total for the week \$1958.79  
 Budget \$2629.31  
 Variance \$670.52

Year to Date

Total \$4826.41  
 Budget \$140,000.00  
 Variance \$135,173.59

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Scripture Readings



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 07-27-2025

Reading 1: Genesis 18:20-32  
 Psalm: 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8  
 Reading 2: Colossians 2:12-14  
 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

**There will be no week day Mass or Adoration on the following dates: 7/21, 7/28, and 7/29**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist,"

- Pope St. Pius X

Mass	Schedule
Monday July 21	No Mass or Adoration
Tuesday July 22	Mass 12:00p Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday July 23	
Thursday July 24	
Friday July 25	
Saturday July 26	
Sunday July 27	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Parish Potluck 5:30p (Circle of Understanding)

Pray for our Seminarians

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Prayer Chain

Unless otherwise requested, after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain

John Clark, Martin and Margy Clark, Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton, Kammy Law, Shelly Whitman, Tom Aced, Richard Majszak, Repose for the soul of Marilyn Gagen, Mary Garman, Don and Jenny Schaubert

Ministry Schedule

Sunday July 27, 2025 4:30pm

Greet: Eichinger Family  
 Lector: Alex Estrada  
 Gifts: Pat and Debbie Miller  
 EM: Tacy Swanton and Niki Weiss  
 Money Counters: Juanita Bray and Karen Susag